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Human rights and cultural diversity

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly in its resolution 58/167 requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on human rights and cultural diversity, taking into account the views of Member States, relevant United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations. As no comments were received in response to requests for information, the Secretariat wishes to inform the members of the General Assembly that a more comprehensive report will be submitted to the Assembly at a future session.

2. In this connection, the Assembly may wish to note that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2005/20 requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to consult States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the particularities and scope of the mandate of an independent expert on the promotion and enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for different cultural identities, the basis of which would be the comprehensive implementation of the resolution, and to report on the results of those consultations to the Commission at its sixty-second session.

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